

THE PAUL AND DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans is a scholarship program for graduate students who are or will be pursuing graduate studies in the United States in a field that will enhance their contributions to society. "New Americans" are defined as a resident alien or Green Card holder, a naturalized U.S. citizen, or an U.S. citizen child of two naturalized citizens. To be eligible to apply, the applicant must not be older than 30 years of age as of the date of application, November 1, 2006.

Candidates must show a relationship between their graduate education, their long-term career goals, and their potential to contribute to society. The applicants must either have a bachelor's degree or be in their final year of undergraduate study and demonstrate that they retain loyalty and a sense of commitment to their country of origin as well as to the United States. The Fellowship award is not only based on academic record but also on the candidate's ability to successfully complete two of the following criteria for selection:

- Creativity, originality, and initiative demonstrated in any area of his/her life;
- A capacity for accomplishment, demonstrated through activity that has required drive and sustained effort; and
- A commitment to the values expressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights that would be demonstrated through his/her activity in support of human rights and in advancing the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society.

The application and selection process begins in the late fall and winter. It is a very competitive fellowship which receives about 800 applications from 360 colleges and universities. Each year about 80 applicants are selected for interviews and 30 are chosen. The Fellowship provides a maintenance grant of \$20,000 and a tuition grant of one-half the tuition cost of their U.S. graduate program for up to two years.

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